

Id	School district name	Name of person completing	Email address of the person completing the district?	How many schools are in your district?	Do all schools in your district participate in the School Breakfast Program?	Please indicate the district's current student enrollment.	What is the current percentage of students that participate in the district's School Breakfast Program?
1	Sprague Public Schools	Susan Osborn	sosborn@spraguek12.org	1	Yes	243	60%
2	Meriden	Susan Maffe	Susan.maffe@meridenk12.org	13	Yes	8200	55%
3	Southington Public Schools	Nicole Maxellon	nmaxellon@southingtonschools.org	11	Yes	6103	9%

4	Bridge Academy	Tyler Moore	tyler.moore@bridgeacademy.org	1	Yes	273	35
5	New Haven Public Schools	Baron Young	baron.young@new-haven.k12.ct.us	46	Yes	22000	100%
6	Putnam Public Schools	Jeanette Couture	couturej@putnam.k12.ct.us	3	Yes	1156	61.39%

7	Norwalk Public Schools	Jill Kress	Kressj@norwalkps.org	24	Yes	11307	26%
8	West Hartford	Tim Prosinski	tim_prosinski@whps.org	16	Yes	9001	13
9	Willington Public Schools	Stephanie Knight	sknight@willingtonct.org	2	Yes	382	38%

10	Cheshire Public Schools	Erica Biagetti	ebiagetti@cheshire.k12.ct.us	7	Yes	4394	7%
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11	Tolland Public Schools	Kim Mecteau	kmecteau@tolland.k12.ct.us	5	Yes	2036	8%
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12	Old Saybrook Public Schools	Erin Perpetua	eperpetua@oldsaybrookschoos.org	3	Yes	3	12
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13	Groton Public Schools	Ernie J Koschmieder	ekoschmieder@groton.k12.ct.us	7	Yes	4,700	35.7
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14	East Lyme School	Christian Urban	christian.urban@elpsk12.org	5	Yes	2375	10%
15	Cromwell Public Schools	Sandra Shaw	sshaw@cromwell.k12.ct.us	4	Yes	1865	16 percent
16	Vernon	Elizabeth Fisher	efisher@vernon-ct.gov	7	Yes	3100	27%
17	Bridgeport public schools	Keoma steele	Ksteele@bridgeportedu.net	45	Yes	19895	65
18	Norwich Public Schools	Maria Parrillo	mparrillo@norwichpublicschools.org	12	No	3,380	55%

19	Manchester Public Schools	Elisha Feenstra	efeenstra@mpspride.org	17 (15 that No	6918 (6364 enrollment fr 38% for our CEP sites and
20	Hartford Public Schools	Elaine Gaglioti	egaglioti@hartfordschools.org	42	Yes 17,458 40 %

Regional School District							
21	15	Meghan Sullivan	Meghan.Sullivan@region15.org	7	Yes	3341	10%-13%
Plainville Community Schools							
22		Alicia DaPonte	dapontea@plainvilleschools.org	5	Yes	2130	16.95%

24	East Hartford Public Schools	Tea Culani	culani.t@easthartford.org	15	Yes	6148	54%
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What grades in your district participate in the School Breakfast Program? Check all that apply.	Check one of the following.	Please check all applicable options below for breakfast service in the district:	Please provide an estimate of how much it costs to produce a typical school breakfast in your district. Include food costs, labor, benefits, and other expenses. Provide the estimated cost of one break	Do current federal breakfast reimbursements cover all costs of serving a student breakfast?	If you answered "No" to question 12, please explain what breakfast costs are not covered.	If your district receives additional funds for breakfast, how will you utilize the additional funding? Check all that apply.
Preschool;Grades K 5;Grades 6-8	All sites are participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)	All students receive a breakfast in the cafeteria and go through the service line.	\$2.40	Yes		Do more scratch cooking;Offer more fresh fruit;Add additional staffing
Grades K - 5;Grades 6-8;Grades 9-12	All sites are participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)	Students are served their breakfast at a kiosk and go to the classroom or cafeteria. (i.e., grab and go).	3.00	No	Food, labor and benefits for meals not claimed at free rate	Offer more fresh fruit;Offer more hot breakfast entree items
Grades K - 5;Grades 9-12	All sites DO NOT participate in CEP	All students receive a breakfast in the cafeteria and go through the service line.	1.75	No	Because of the rising cost of minimum wage and food.	Offer more fresh fruit;Add additional staffing

Grades 6-8;Grades 9-12 ;Other	All sites are participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)	All students receive a breakfast in the cafeteria and go through the service line. ;Students are served their breakfast at a kiosk and go to the classroom or cafeteria. (i.e., grab and go).		Yes		Offer more hot breakfast entree items
Preschool;Grades K 5;Grades 6-8;Grades 9-12	All sites are participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)	Some students are served breakfast in the cafeteria and some are served in the classroom.	2.00	Yes		Offer more hot breakfast entree items;Do more scratch cooking;Add additional staffing
Preschool;Grades K 5;Grades 6-8;Grades 9-12	All sites are participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)	Some students are served breakfast in the cafeteria and some are served in the classroom. ;Students are served their breakfast at a kiosk and go to the classroom or cafeteria. (i.e., grab and go).	3.50	No	does not cover the employee benefits and equipment cost to produce breakfast.	Offer more hot breakfast entree items;Offer more fresh fruit;Do more scratch cooking;Add additional staffing

Preschool;Grades K - 5;Grades 6-8;Grades 9-12 ;Other	All sites DO NOT participate in CEP	Some students are served breakfast in the cafeteria and some are served in the classroom. ;Students are served their breakfast at a kiosk and go to the classroom or cafeteria. (i.e., grab and go).	2.75	No	Paid Breakfast portion is not covered in federal reimbursement	Offer more hot breakfast entree items;Add additional staffing
Preschool;Grades K - 5;Grades 6-8;Grades 9-12	All sites DO NOT participate in CEP	Some students are served breakfast in the cafeteria and some are served in the classroom.	3.30	No	labor/insurance costs	Offer more hot breakfast entree items;Offer more fresh fruit
Preschool;Grades K - 5;Grades 6-8	All sites DO NOT participate in CEP	All students receive a breakfast in the cafeteria and go through the service line.	1.50-2.00	Yes		Add additional staffing;Do more scratch cooking;Offer more hot breakfast entree items

Preschool;Grades K - 5;Grades 6-8;Grades 9-12	All sites DO NOT participate in CEP	All students receive a breakfast in the cafeteria and go through the service line.	The food and direct building labor cost (not including other expenses) based on participation ranges from \$3.42 elementary to \$4.62 for high schools.	No	Cheshire is low F/R at only about 16% with a low breakfast participation at 7%. A basic breakfast food cost is \$1.44 for elementary. Our paid meal price is \$2.25 which is under the F/R \$2.46 reimbursement. This leaves us with \$.81/\$1.02 for labor and other expenses. Due to our low participation we are losing money daily serving breakfast across the district. For elementary on average we serve 46 per day which would make our labor cost \$1.94 plus the \$1.44 food cost we are at \$3.42 cost per meal based on only food cost and direct building labor. It does not include additional expenses. Breakfast meal prices for Middle are \$2.50 and high school is \$2.75. We offer multiple choices in the high school that range in food cost of \$1.44 (Basic), \$1.89 (Breakfast Sandwich) and \$2.42 (Smoothie). With the low participation at 173 per day that would make the cost of each meal \$3.64 (Basic), \$4.09 (Breakfast Sandwich) and \$4.62 (Smoothie).	Offer more fresh fruit;Offer more hot breakfast entree items;Do more scratch cooking;Add additional staffing
Grades K - 5;Grades 6-8;Grades 9-12	All sites DO NOT participate in CEP	All students receive a breakfast in the cafeteria and go through the service line.	\$3.96	No	Labor/benefits of those employees preparing and serving breakfast	Add additional staffing;Offer more hot breakfast entree items

<p>Grades 9-12 ;Grades 6-8;Grades K - 5;Preschool</p>	<p>All sites DO NOT participate in CEP</p>	<p>Students are served their breakfast at a kiosk and go to the classroom or cafeteria. (i.e., grab and go).;Some students are served breakfast in the cafeteria and some are served in the classroom.</p>	<p>\$2.03</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Offer more hot breakfast entree items;Do more scratch cooking</p>	
<p>Grades K - 5;Grades 6-8;Grades 9-12</p>	<p>Partial CEP (some sites are CEP and non-CEP)</p>	<p>All students receive a breakfast in the cafeteria and go through the service line. ;Students are served their breakfast at a kiosk and go to the classroom or cafeteria. (i.e., grab and go).</p>	<p>\$3.57</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>all necessary labor, Fringe benefits such as health care</p>	<p>Other</p>

Preschool;Grades K - 5;Grades 6-8;Grades 9-12	All sites DO NOT participate in CEP	Students are served their breakfast at a kiosk and go to the classroom or cafeteria. (i.e., grab and go).	2.53	No	Labor	Offer more fresh fruit;Offer more hot breakfast entree items;Add additional staffing;Do more scratch cooking
Preschool;Grades K - 5;Grades 6-8;Grades 9-12	All sites DO NOT participate in CEP	All students receive a breakfast in the cafeteria and go through the service line.	\$2.05	Yes		Offer more fresh fruit;Offer more hot breakfast entree items;Do more scratch cooking
Grades K - 5;Grades 6-8;Grades 9-12	Partial CEP (some sites are CEP and non-CEP)	All students receive a breakfast in the cafeteria and go through the service line.	\$2.49	Yes		Do more scratch cooking;Add additional staffing;Offer more hot breakfast entree items;Offer more fresh fruit
Grades K - 5;Grades 6-8;Grades 9-12	All sites are participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)	Some students are served breakfast in the cafeteria and some are served in the classroom.	\$1.95	No	Breakfast is covered but what's not covered is the cost to cover options like multiple fresh fruits	Do more scratch cooking;Offer more fresh fruit
Preschool;Grades K - 5;Grades 6-8	All sites are participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)	Some students are served breakfast in the cafeteria and some are served in the classroom.	\$2.29	Yes		Offer more hot breakfast entree items;Offer more fresh fruit

Grades K - 5;Preschool;Grades 6-8;Grades 9-12	Partial CEP (some sites are CEP and non-CEP)	Some students are served breakfast in the cafeteria and some are served in the classroom. ;Students are served their breakfast at a kiosk and go to the classroom or cafeteria. (i.e., grab and go).	\$2.75	Yes	Offer more fresh fruit;Offer more hot breakfast entree items;Do more scratch cooking;Add additional staffing
Grades 9-12 ;Grades 6-8;Grades K - 5;Preschool	All sites are participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)	Some students are served breakfast in the cafeteria and some are served in the classroom. ;Students are served their breakfast at a kiosk and go to the classroom or cafeteria. (i.e., grab and go).	\$2.55	Yes	Offer more fresh fruit;Offer more hot breakfast entree items;Add additional staffing

Preschool;Grades K - 5;Grades 6-8;Grades 9-12	All sites DO NOT participate in CEP	All students receive a breakfast in the cafeteria and go through the service line.	Estimate of - \$2.48 at the Elementary level - \$3.08 at the High School level	No	This is a difficult question to answer because it depends on several factors, including the specific breakfast items being served and whether fresh or canned fruit is used. It also depends on student participation levels, whether students are paid, free, or reduced, and the reimbursement rate associated with each category. Our elementary schools have higher breakfast participation than our middle and high schools. At the middle and high school level, the lower number of breakfasts served—combined with increased employee pay rates—would not allow the cost to be fully covered.	Offer more hot breakfast entree items;Other;Do more scratch cooking;Offer more fresh fruit
Preschool;Grades K - 5;Grades 6-8;Grades 9-12	All sites DO NOT participate in CEP	Some students are served breakfast in the cafeteria and some are served in the classroom.	\$1.73	Yes		Offer more fresh fruit;Offer more hot breakfast entree items;Do more scratch cooking;Add additional staffing

Preschool;Grades K-5;Grades 6-8;Grades 9-12	All sites are participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)	Students are served their breakfast at a kiosk and go to the classroom or cafeteria. (i.e., grab and go).;Some students are served breakfast in the cafeteria and some are served in the classroom.	\$1.96	Yes	Offer more fresh fruit;Offer more hot breakfast entree items;Do more scratch cooking;Add additional staffing
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If you selected "Other" for question 14, please explain:	Does your Board of Education subsidize the school Child Nutrition Programs?	Indicate all areas subsidized by the Board of Education	If you selected "Other" for question 17, please explain:	Are there costs related to the school Child Nutrition Programs that are shared between the food service department and the Board of Education?	If you indicated "yes" to question 19, check all areas that are shared between the school food service program and the Board of Education:	If you selected "Other" for question 20, please explain:
NA	No					

Did not select other	No					
n/a	No					

N/A

No

N/A

No

na

No

NA	Yes	Utilities;Employee Salaries;Services (e.g., equipment repairs, extermination, laundry, etc.);Employee Benefits;Food costs (including milk);Supplies (paper, cleaning, etc.)	NA	Yes	Food costs (including milk);Supplies (paper, cleaning, etc.);Services (e.g., equipment repairs, extermination, laundry, etc.);Janitorial services;Employee Salaries;Employee Benefits	NA
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NA	No					
Additional funding would greatly benefit our school breakfast program!		No				

We will use the funds to continue to promote our breakfast program and build participation with offerings that are nutritious and the students enjoy. No

I didn't select other. No

Food costs (including milk);Supplies (paper, cleaning, etc.);Utilities;Services (e.g., equipment repairs, extermination, laundry, etc.);Employee Salaries;Employee Benefits

n/a Yes n/a No Other n/a

I would use it to help offset staffing costs and our Districts staff costs are by far some of the lowest paid in the state and do more scratch cooking which in theory could reduce the food costs,

No

n/a	No						
N/A	Yes	Employee Benefits	N/A	No	Other	There are no shared cost.	

to provide healthier
(and more expensive)
breakfast items and
spend labor educating
the students

	No						
Na	No						

N/A	No						
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n/a

No

N/A

No

Potential for additional
breakfast locations
(kiosk, carts etc) No

NA No

NA

No

What concerns do you have, if any, about universal breakfasts?

Please add any additional comments.

none

None

If universal breakfast is passed, it's important that it stays that way. The back and forth between free, not free, some are free is very confusing to parents and staff. It causes negative balances to sky rocketed. My other concern is that some will think all meals are free, no matter how many notifications we send out, and negative balances will increase more.

None: I fully support universal breakfast, and will be advocating hard next year for universal lunches as well

none

none

will CEP breakfast rates be adjusted to universal cost?
Should be equivalent.

We have no concerns except that CEP district would not benefit

none

universal breakfast would increase participation and bring down per meal cost

I don't have any concerns. I am thrilled breakfast is on the table!

I was very happy to hear the governor put universal breakfast into his budget proposal. We say breakfast is the most important meal of the day yet we let our students down by not providing it to them. We have students not eating due to financial restraints or they charge breakfast and families do not pay. This is an issue that impacts our students' ability to focus and learn. Universal breakfast would be a game-changer for our students and our school community. Let's FUEL our Future!!

Overall universal breakfast increases participation across the district. The only concern I noticed in offering breakfast at no charge was students only taking/consuming the certain items they wanted and throwing the rest away. Currently without free meals, I have more families/parents restricting meals.

After reviewing the appropriations committee hearing from Feb 17th. I am confused with how the chair and the committee expect to make districts like mine as they would say "whole" . I understand the concern for CEP districts that are not getting reimbursed at the ISP at 100%. I do not think they are taking into consideration the smaller districts who offer breakfast at a loss because it is important and an essential part of the school day. I do not know how they would even go about allocating funds for districts like mine. Overall universal breakfast helps increase participation which helps us move closer to a breakeven point for breakfast.

Ability to have sufficient staffing

None

I support Universal Breakfast as we all know it helps promote healthy starts to the day which should help increase state testing and show improvements. Also a lot of students do come to school hungry and universal Breakfast would take away that stigma of worrying about money on their accts. and just come in and enjoy a free breakfast.

Even though I checked no to question 16 I have been over the last 2 schools years draining my reserves and we are on track to run out of funds by this end of school year which would then put me in a position where the BOE now would have to subsidize. This option would not be favorable with all the current Town and school budgets being cut to bare bones and with the uncertainty from the Fed Government it seems like everyone is scrambling to cut budgets and save money. I really feel that the USDA has to increase our reimbursements and feel they are not keeping up with the rising costs that our Child Nutrition programs are facing every month . Then the unpaid meal balances imagine if we had that operating capital to use all year for expenses , that would be super helpful as well .

That it will only be for one school year. It is a great program but if it is only for one year, we will spend a lot of time reeducating the students and family that it is free for all students then we would have to pull it away again the following year. Again having to reeducate that it is no longer free and have more bad debt because the students/parents think it is still free.

No concerns

This would be a wonderful thing. I know in Cromwell more students would take advantage of breakfast if it was offer at no cost.

We are in full support of universal free breakfast. Breakfast (and lunch) should be part of the school day and the overall education experience of the child. Eliminating the stigma of who can pay and who can't allows us to treat breakfast as part of the learning process.

Na

N/A

The one concern I have is the gap in funding for CEP districts. Using school year 24/25 meals served and reimbursement rates, the difference would be approximately \$88,000 in funding with our current claiming percentage. I have no concerns with universal breakfast for our non-CEP site.

Manchester Public Schools has an interschool agreement with 4 sites, for a total of 17 sites. Two of the interschool agreement sites don't participate in breakfast, and one participates in CEP, and one does not participate in CEP.

N/A

N/A

At this time, we don't have any concerns, as we managed well during the post-COVID period when breakfast was offered free to all students. Offering universal breakfast to all students would be incredibly beneficial for both our school district and the state of Connecticut. It would eliminate any stigma for students receiving free or reduced meals and ensure that every child has access to a nutritious breakfast—allowing them to focus on what truly matters at school: their learning and academic success.

No concerns only positive outcomes for our students!

Plainville Community Schools believes that providing free school breakfast for all students is extremely beneficial. When students start their day with a nutritious meal, they are better able to focus, engage, and learn without the distraction of hunger. Ensuring access to free breakfast supports academic success, promotes equity, and contributes to the overall well-being of our students.

Additional costs